Special Chapter 2

All that matters

Meanwhile...
Hmph.
Flareon always spends his time with Leafeon. I bet he has a thing for her.
Glaceon has a crush on Jolteon and he's too dumb to realize it.
Why am I the only one left that doesn't have any love interest...?
Big sis?
Oh, hi. Eevee, where's Sylveon? Isn't she supposed to be with you?
Big sis-Sylveon said she went to visit her friend.
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So do you need anything?
I want to ask you something.
Big sis, what is evolution?
Um... Why don't you go ask daddy of yours...?
O-of course not!
I don't know where daddy is. Big sis doesn't know it too?
I think it's um... a process of changing your appearance and developing new power...?
Daddy and big sis-Espeon said everyone here used to look like me.
Well hey, I used to be an Eevee like you until I evolved.
Is that why everyone here looks different?
Yeah.
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Big sis, how did you evolve?
Do you wanna hear a story?
Aye!
It happened 4 years ago...
4 years earlier...
Whatcha doing~
Kya!
Tee hee, you screamed like a girl.
S-sis, don't creep up on me like that!
My bad~ Anyway, is Jolteon awake yet?
You call big bro "Jolteon" now?
Well yeah, he's a Jolteon now so it's easy to call him that way.
Big bro is still sleeping upstairs. How come you didn't see him?
I knew it! He hid under the blanket again.
Gotta go now~
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snore
snore
Did you just say "Guh!"?
Guh!
Sis, get off me...
Nope~
...
Hey, why are you going back to sleep? Wake up! Come on, wake up! Wake up!
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Run...
Huh?
Have I ever told you that evolution could change our behavior and personality...?
Wh-what about it?
I'm still not used to this new form yet... I may lose control of myself and attack you if you continue hitting me...
Wh-what do you mean...?
Rroooaarr!!!
Kyaaaaahhh!!!
Aaaaahh!!!
...
Heh heh... Should have done this long ago...
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yawn
?
Boo!
Aaaaah!!
D-don't hurt me!
It's okay. I'm not gonna attack you. I'm back in control again.
R-really?
Totally.
Phew...
Sorry about that. I'll make breakfast. Go call Flare in, okay?
Okay~
Later...
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Hey, Flare, how are you doing with your garden?
Good.
Hey... That reminds me.
What?
There's something I want to ask you. What do mailmen do?
It's a job, right?
Oh. Well, they deliver packages or mails to others.
Mailman... How does this have anything to do with gardening?
And?
That's all.
Your job is so lame.
No, it's not. Instead it's d--
Never mind...
Never mind what? Are you hiding something from us?

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Of course not. Why would I?
Mmm...
Okay, then. Anyway, don't you have a job to do?
It's Sunday. I'm having a day off today.
Hmph...
What's up with your smile?
Hey, since you're free today, can you take us to the town? I want to see what it's like there.
Big bro, I want to see it too.
Yay!
Alright, alright, how about we go out for lunch then?
That noon...
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Welcome to Sunny town.
Wow... There's so many Pokemon here.
Yup, make sure to stay on my back, okay?
Um... big bro?
Wah... I want that one, this one, that one!
Put me down!
Later...
Hey, hey, take it easy. Don't eat too fast.
Oh hi, I didn't expect to see you here.
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Trace?
Yeah, I am. So are those two your--
...siblings...?
?!
What was that for?!
Don't stare at my sister like that.
Who are you?
The name's Trace. I'm your brother's best friend and partner. If it's okay, mind if I know your name--
What do you think you're doing?
I'm just asking for her name!
Tee hee, you're funny.
Really?
Oh well... Her name is Crystal, and my little brother's name is Solarflare or Flare for short.
Ah!
Crystal? That's a beautiful name.
What?
Nothing.
Hey, have you heard about the upcoming Pokemon Tournament? It's gonna be held next week for a whole week. Do you want to go and watch it with me?
Oh, about that...

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I have a thing to do...
I have something important to do on those days...
Oh, come on. It wouldn't hurt to take a break for a week.
For a whole week? You're gonna miss all the best parts.
More please~
No, I won't. Trust me.
Hey, what is the tournament you speak of?
It's an occasion where many Pokemon compete each other in Pokemon battles to become a Tournament Champion.
?!
?
Hey! What are you--
Shh...
Big brother, I want that one!
Didn't I just buy you a doll yesterday?
Oh... Isn't that your girlfriend--
For the last time, she's not my girlfriend.
What are you two moaning about?
Nothing.
Your brother has girlfriend issues--
He's just joking!

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Hmph...
Oh well.
Hey, Have you eaten anything yet?
No. That's why I came here.
Then why don't you join us for lunch? My treat.
Don't mind if I do!
Later...
Thanks for treating me to lunch.
Don't mention it.
Oh, I almost forgot. Dad has something important to show you. He said he had located the origin location of those berserk Pokémon. Make sure to drop by the lab tomorrow.
It doesn't have to be tomorrow. I'll be there in a few hours.
?
That's great I gotta go see my dad now.
Tell doc I said hello.
Okay.
Oh, one more thing...
Nevermind. I'll talk to you again once you get there. See ya!
Berserk... Lab... Don't tell me you...
...also work as a lab assistant too!
Um... Something like that...
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So that's why you're always busy. You have two jobs.
Yeah... How did you know this kind of stuff?
You know, those written books on the bookshelf. I couldn't find any more comic books so I just read them. They were boring but I guess it was worth it.
That explains why it was always messy.
Big bro, are we going home now?
Yeah. Come on, let's go.
Later...
?
Whatcha doing?
Just cleaning up the attic.
Hey, why do you keep asking me things today?
I just feel like doing it.
Okay... I have to go to the lab now.
Okay.
Oh, before I go.
Whatever you do, don't touch that red box. That red box. Do not touch that red box.
Okay, I believe you won't. I'll be back soon.
...

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Fire Stone...
Thunder Stone...
Water Stone...
Water Stone! Just what I wanted~
Hehe, I knew he's hiding something from me.
Hehehe...
Sunny~
?
I'm gonna evolve you~
...
Aaaaah!
Ah!
You can't outrun me~
Where are you?
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Soon...
There's no where to run now~
S-sis, don't do it...
Why not?
N-no...
Hehe, just messing with you. I'm not gonna--
Ah!
Ow...
Flare...?
Kyaaaaa!!
Aaagh!
Fl-Flare, stop it! I'm really sorry! I-I didn't mean to--
Shut your face...!
I'm back--
Huh?
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Kris, you evolved? I thought I-- Wait, are you okay?! Where's Flare?!
I-I didn't mean to evolve him! Now h-he's...
I said where's Flare? What's going on?!
I-it's Flare! He's scary--
Aaah! Here he comes!
Flare? This seems familiar...
Oh no...! He's infected?!
Flare, snap out of it! You're gonna hurt--
?!
Ah!
How can... a level 7...
Soon...
Sis, where are you~?
Come out, come out, wherever you are~
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What should I do? What should I do?
Jolteon got knocked out in one hit... He doesn't seem to be able to wake up anytime soon...
If Flare finds me, I'm finished--
Ahem...
Found you~
Kyaaaaaaaah!!!
Back to reality...
...and that was the day I learnt Acid Armor.
What happened next?
Well, I managed to escape from him thanks to Acid Armor. I suppose he was really mad at me.
Big bro never wanted to be Flareon?
Yeah...
He didn't talk to me for a week after that.
But on the bright side, he got used to it later on.
Hey, why did you ask me on how I evolved? You don't know what you want to evolve into?

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I want to be like big sis-Sylveon but daddy doesn't get along with big sis-Sylveon much.
So you're afraid that if you become a Sylveon, Jolteon won't love you anymore?
Aye...
I'm sure he would still love you. You are what you choose to be. Didn't he tell you this too?
Aye.
Then you don't have to worry about it.
Hey, wanna go have some ice cream?
Aye!
Meanwhile...
Big bro was right.
This must be why I'm not allowed to have chocolate. I thought this was just an illusion.
Flare?
Flare, are you okay? Is something wrong with the chocolate bar I gave you?
No, it tastes really good.
That's great. I'm gonna go check on my sister now.
Okay.
Even though I gain a little more control in this state now, I still need to learn how to fully control this, whatever it is...
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Flare, I'm really sorry! Please stop it!
Grrrrr...
Something's not right...
Joy seed...?
JOY seed
Look! There's a strange flower over there! It grew inside our house!
He fell for it. Now it's my chance!
If I remember correctly, eating these will level me up. These must be very expensive, how did Jolteon manage to buy this much?
I need to eat enough of these to reach level 30 to use Acid Armor.
Oh, well.
Grrraaargh!!

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There he is!
Come on, wake up! Wake up!
Aaaaah!!
...
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Later...
?
Um... Hey, you're awake.
...
Are you still mad at me?
Aaarghh!!
Um... How long was I out for?
3 hours.
Man... That long? Oh hey, Flare, your eyes--
...are back to normal...?
Is there something wrong with my eyes?
This must be an exception effect...
?
Okay, I'm gonna untie you now.
Hold on!
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You're just gonna release him. I mean, he attacked us.
I know what I'm doing. By the way, I'm still not done with you yet.
Kris, go clean up all the mess you caused and get back here after you finish.
But--
No buts.
Fine...
Later...
Sigh...
Okay, I believe you owe me an explanation. What happened back then?
Sis forced me to evolve into a Flareon by using a fire stone on me.
Forced...? I'm pretty sure you have to choose to use it in order to evolve but I'm not too sure about it. Hey, do you remember how that happened?
Well...
I was struggling to push the stone off my face, but sis was on top of me. I was too weak to push her off but then...
...everything I saw turned red.
I don't remember what happened at that moment. The next thing I remembered, I was already a Flareon.
Uh huh.
Were you feeling angry when trying to push her?
That explains it.
Huh?
Let's just say your body has a mind of its own. It takes over whenever you're angry or something.
So it made you choose to evolve.
You mean I chose to evolve myself...?

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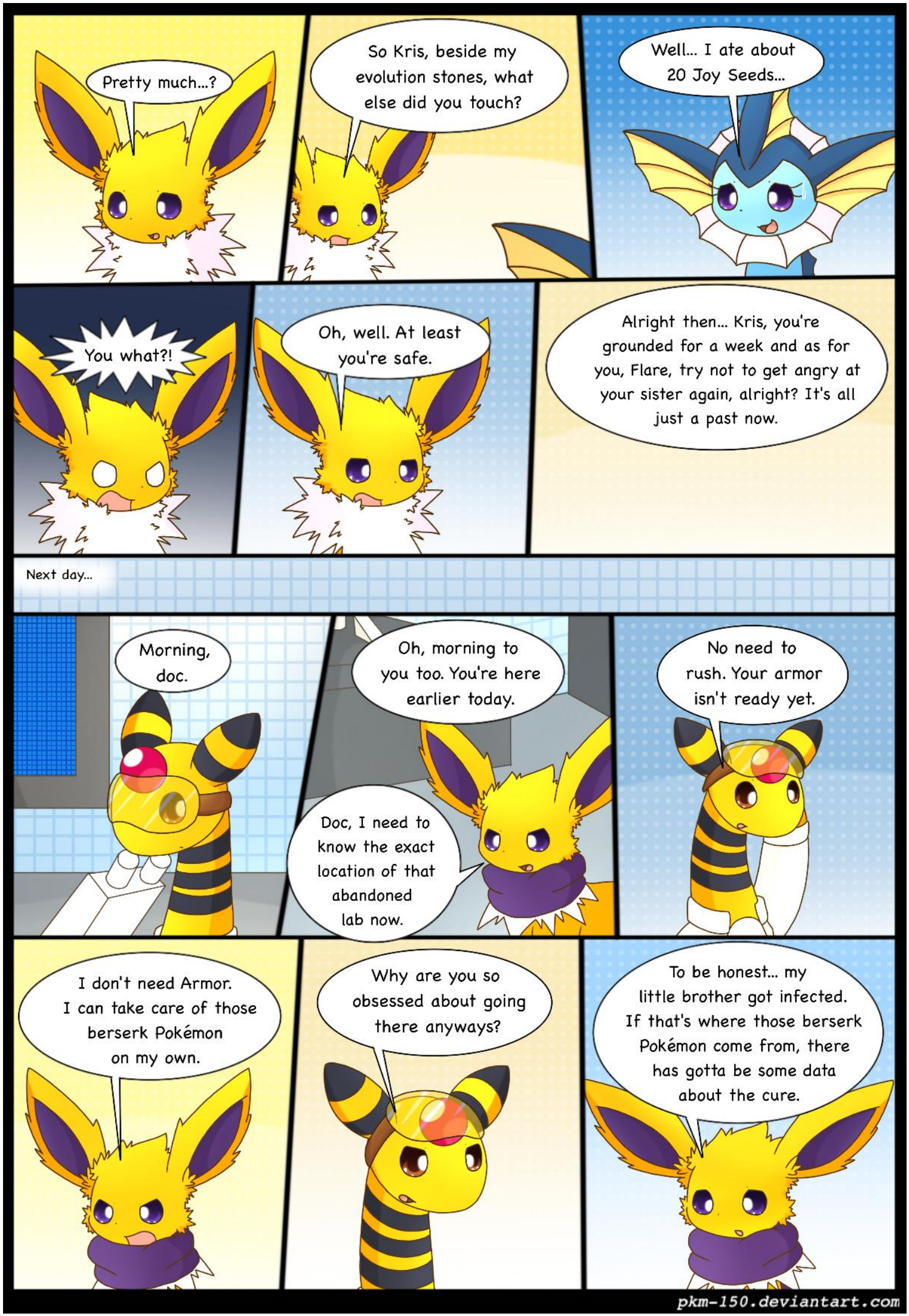
Pretty much...?
So Kris, beside my evolution stones, what else did you touch?
Well... I ate about 20 Joy Seeds...
You what?!
Oh, well. At least you're safe.
Alright then... Kris, you're grounded for a week and as for you, Flare, try not to get angry at your sister again, alright? It's all just a past now.
Next day...
Morning, doc.
Oh, morning to you too. You're here earlier today.
Doc, I need to know the exact location of that abandoned lab now.
No need to rush. Your armor isn't ready yet.
I don't need Armor. I can take care of those berserk Pokémon on my own.
Why are you so obsessed about going there anyways?
To be honest... my little brother got infected. If that's where those berserk Pokémon come from, there has gotta be some data about the cure.
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How's his condition now?

He's fine. He's actually back to his normal self now.

I see... I'm afraid I can't let you go like this, but lucky for you, I did ask a Kadabra to go there and check that area. He brought back some important data about that virus. Still, he couldn't get all the data because those berserkers started attacking him so he had to escape. Come on, I'll show you what we got.

This thing is the virus...? It looks just like a ditto.

It may look like it, but don't let it fool you.

It infects its victims via touching. Once it attaches to its victims, it goes inside their body. Then it startes to drain their blood to end their life. When all their blood is drained, it will take over their nervous system and control them.

That explains why they don't have blood.

But what about the Pokémon that don't have blood from the start like Metagross?

It will try to take over their body instantly upon getting infected.

Luckily, we can't get infected by touching an infected Pokémon, only by touching the virus.

According to the analyzed data, this virus is called "Reborn Virus", but I refer to it as "Berserk Virus". It seems that there are 3 categories of the effects caused by it.

The changes will take place an hour after getting infected. This will demonstrate which category the infected Pokémon is in.

There are 70% chance of infected Pokémon got eliminated by the virus and resurrected into mindless monsters and went berserk. In this case, it multiplies its hosts' power and strength by 25x times their normal amount. For example, the berserk Pokémon that we always face against.

25% chance of infected Pokémon survived from getting eliminated by the virus but they went insane permanently and also went berserk. In this case, it multiplies its hosts' power and strength by 10x times their normal amount. Still, they will end up like in the first category when they're eliminated if their body is still in good condition. For example, the Lucario that attacked us a year ago.

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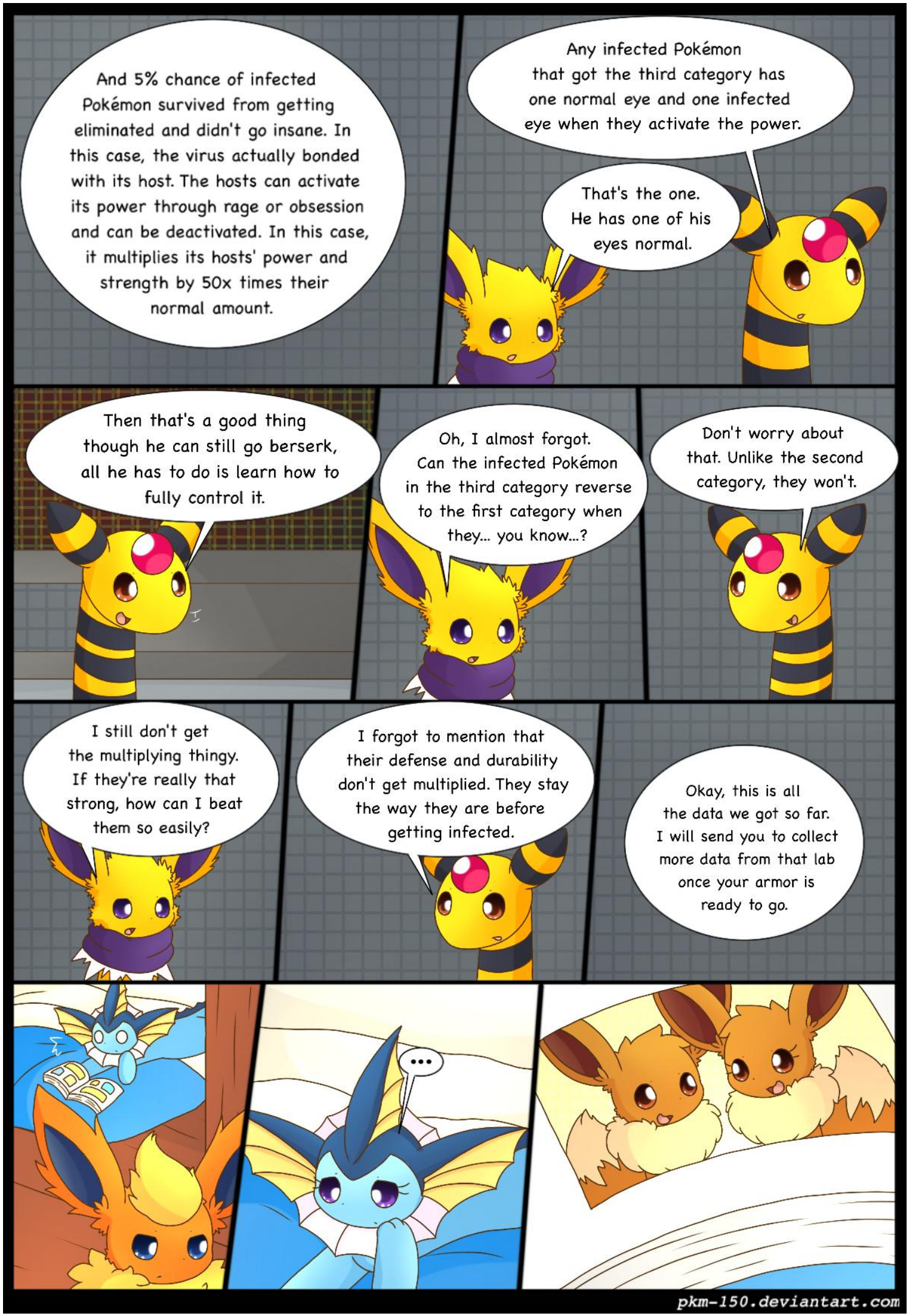
And 5% chance of infected Pokémon survived from getting eliminated and didn't go insane. In this case, the virus actually bonded with its host. The hosts can activate its power through rage or obsession and can be deactivated. In this case, it multiplies its hosts' power and strength by 50x times their normal amount.
Any infected Pokémon that got the third category has one normal eye and one infected eye when they activate the power.
That's the one. He has one of his eyes normal.
Then that's a good thing though he can still go berserk, all he has to do is learn how to fully control it.
Oh, I almost forgot. Can the infected Pokémon in the third category reverse to the first category when they... you know...?
Don't worry about that. Unlike the second category, they won't.
I still don't get the multiplying thingy. If they're really that strong, how can I beat them so easily?
I forgot to mention that their defense and durability don't get multiplied. They stay the way they are before getting infected.
Okay, this is all the data we got so far. I will send you to collect more data from that lab once your armor is ready to go.
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A week later...
Flare--
You're still mad at me...? It's been a week now since we haven't talked. You're never this quiet.
Look, I'm really, really sorry. I know there's nothing I can do to make you forgive me.
I'm the worst... I crushed your dream and ruined your life all because of my jolly behavior...
I-I... *sob* *sob* I...
Sis, I... I can't stay mad at you forever.
sob
sob
Besides, being a Flareon isn't that bad. I'm still who I am.
sob
Yes.
You're forgiving me...?
sob
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